

- (b) is the Central Jail a self-supporting institution;
- (c) has any scheme been submitted to the Government for making the Central Jail almost a self-supporting institution?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Weaving, coir making, paddy pounding and extra mural work.

- (b) Not at present.
- (c) Proposals to increase the income of the institution have been received by the Government.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Is there not sufficient scope to provide more work for the prisoners in the Central Jail now?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Provided we get some better class of instruments and organize the work on a more efficient and business like manner.

The pipe system in Nemmara.

42. Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

- (a) whether the pipe system introduced at Nemmara has been sufficiently improved to meet the demands of the public;
- (b) are all the streets in the villages now provided with water taps;
- (c) on what basis is the number of taps calculated with reference to the population at each centre;
- (d) whether there is possibility of extending the pipes to private houses also?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—

(a) Yes. The Nemmara water works has been developed more than was originally proposed and practically the whole of Nemmara, Vallanghy and Vitnasserri has been supplied with water.

(b) No. About 90 per cent of the area is supplied with water from public taps.

(c) This depends upon the density of the population in the area served. In crowded localities the taps are placed 200 or 250 ft. apart while in other places, they are located at a distance of 400 or 500 ft. according to circumstances.

(d) In its present condition it is not possible to supply houses with separate services.

Shoranur—Trichur road.

43. Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the sharp turns and corners along the main public road from Shoranur to Trichur are a source of danger to the public ;

(b) whether the Government intend to effect some improvement regarding the same ;

(c) if so, when?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The sharp turns at the Railroad crossings on the Shoranur road cause inconvenience to fast traffic.

(b) Yes.

(c) Along with the conversion of the Railway into Broad Gauge.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Are there not sharp turns and corners other than those on the Railroad crossings? Are not the Government aware that these sharp turns are also equally dangerous?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There are other sharp turns which are inconvenient, but I do not think they are equally dangerous.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Has the attention of the Government been drawn to accidents that were very frequently happening along these roads?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I do not think that accidents have been very frequently happening ; but there have been occasional accidents.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Occasional means, say, on an average half a dozen accidents every year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—One accident in six years.

Promotion—Assistant Professors.

44. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there was a proposal to promote Mr. V. T. Sreedhara Menon ignoring the claims of Mr. A. R. Subrahmanya Ayyar, Assistant Professor, Maharaja's College, Ernakulam;

(b) will copies of the letters of the Director and the replies of the Government about this matter be placed on the table of the House ;

(c) who was appointed finally ?

(d) what are the respective qualifications of each of them and why were both of them ignored ;

(e) has the Director written to the Government to re-consider after the appointment ;

(f) if so, will a copy of the letter be placed on the table of the House ;